Wilson and WWI Study Guide

1. Explain how and why Woodrow Wilson won the election of 1912. (Make sure to understand the roles of William Taft and Theodore Roosevelt.)
2. How was Woodrow Wilson’s background similar to Roosevelt’s? How was it different?
3. Explain how Wilson put his political ideology into practice.
4. How was Wilson more ‘progressive’ than Roosevelt? How was he less?
5. Why did Wilson want to stay neutral in WWI?
6. Explain the 3 challenges to neutrality Wilson faced in the first years of WWI.
7. How did the Zimmerman telegram force Wilson to change his mind about WWI?
8. What did Wilson mean by saying he wanted war ‘to make the world safe for democracy’?
9. How did freedoms decrease in the USA during WWI? How was this ironic?
10. Explain Wilson’s plan for peace after the war. Why did Wilson’s plan not get achieved?

Extended response question:

‘A man must be either pampered or crushed for he can get revenge for small injuries’ – Machiavelli

1. Explain what happened to Germany after WWI and evaluate why this plan did not work.